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SUBJECT: ALLIED RESPONSE TO GDR MEASURES

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1. SUMMARY: ALLIED MISSIONS HAVE AGREED TO RECOMMEND
TO EMBASSIES THAT MISSIONS CLOSE LOOPHOLE IN BK/O(67)7,
AND ADVISE SOVIETS THAT WE WILL NOT LIBERALIZE EXISTING
VISA LAWS IN WESTERN SECTORS AND THAT WE HAVE UNDER
REVIEW SPECIAL ATO VISITOR'S PERMIT REGIME ENJOYED
BY PRIVATE SOVIETS. MISSIONS CONSIDERED THAT IT WOULD
BE APPROPRIATE FOR THESE POINTS TO BE CONVEYED TO SOVIETS
BY CHAIRMAN POLAD (BRITISH) WHO WOULD ALSO INDICATE
DELICATELY THAT ALLIES WERE LEFT WITH NO OTHER CHOICE
THAN TO ACT IN THIS MANNER ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS
BECAUSE OF RECENT GDR ACTIONS. MISSIONS CONSIDERED
THAT IT WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO TAKE THESE
ACTIONS DURING WEEK OF JANUARY 10. END SUMMARY.
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2. MISSIONS AGREED AMONG THEMSELVES THAT ALLIES SHOULD
CLOSE BK/O LOOPHOLE. THIS WOULD INVOLVE ISSUANCE OF
BK/O AMENDING BK/O(67)7 AS WELL AS COMPLEMENTARY
CLASSIFIED BK/L TIED TO BK/L(67)15. MISSIONS ALSO
AGREED THAT ALLIES HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO RECONFIRM TO
SOVIETS IN RESPONSE TO THEIR OUTSTANDING INQUIRIES

ON BEHALF OF POLISH WORKERS AND EMPLOYEES OF HUNGARIAN MALEV OFFICE, THAT SOVIETS AND EASTERN EUROPEANS MUST CONTINUE TO ADHERE TO LAWS IN FORCE IN WESTERN SECTORS, INCLUDING REQUIREMENT THAT EASTERN EUROPEANS (AND SOVIETS ALSO IF THEY DO NOT OBTAIN AN ATO VISITOR'S PERMIT) MUST OBTAIN AN FRG VISA IN ORDER TO RESIDE IN THE WESTERN SECTORS FOR MORE THAN 31 DAYS. MISSIONS ALSO AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO TELL SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELLOR KHOTULEV THAT WE WERE PRESENTLY REVIEWING SPECIAL ATO VISITOR'S PERMIT PRIVILEGE ENJOYED BY PRIVATE SOVIETS BUT NOT PRIVATE EASTERN EUROPEANS WITH IMPLICATION BEING THAT WE WERE RESERVING RIGHT TO TIGHTEN UP IN THIS AREA IF CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRED. MISSIONS' UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT WE WOULD NOT THEREBY BE COMMITTED TO TAKING SUCH ACTION AND THAT IF WE LATER DECIDED TO WE COULD AT FIRST SELECTIVELY REFUSE AN OCCASIONAL APPLICATION FOR A VISITOR'S PERMIT RATHER THAN DO AWAY WITH SYSTEM ENTIRELY.

3. BRITISH AND US MISSIONS CONSIDERED THAT STATEMENT TO SOVIETS, WHICH WOULD BE ORAL BUT INCORPORATED INTO USUAL "NON-PAPER", SHOULD INCLUDE AN EXPLICIT LINKAGE TO RECENT GDR ACTIONS. FRENCH WERE RELUCTANT TO GO THIS FAR. IT WAS AGREED THAT EXPLICIT REFERENCE COULD BE DELETED FROM STATEMENT BUT THAT CHAIRMAN POLAD MIGHT EXPLAIN IN FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION THAT WE WERE LEFT WITH NO CHOICE BUT TO DECIDE MATTERS RAISED BY SOVIETS AS WE HAD IN VIEW OF GDR ACTIONS. ALL MISSIONS FELT THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO ACT WITHIN CONFIDENTIAL

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NEXT FEW DAYS.

4. BRITISH MISSION PROPOSED AND WE AND FRENCH TENTATIVELY AGREED THAT PRESENTATION MIGHT BE STRONGER AND MORE SUPPORTIVE OF OUR PROTEST IN MOSCOW IF CHAIRMAN POLAD STATEMENT WERE SUPPLEMENTED BY ADDITIONAL FOLLOW-UP REMARKS. THESE REMARKS, WHICH WOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN "NON-PAPER", WOULD TOUCH BRIEFLY ON SERIES OF RECENT GDR ACTIONS WHICH HAVE TENDED TO ROIL SITUATION, INCLUDING MATTERS REFERRED TO IN OUR MOSCOW PROTEST, EFFORTS BY GDR REP TO CLAIM "NATURAL RIGHT" TO INTERPRET QA IN DISCUSSIONS WITH SENAT, OBSTRUCTIVE GDR POLICY ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH SENAT SUCH AS SPANDAU LOCK IN WHICH IT HAS ATTEMPTED TO SCORE NEW STATUS POINTS, FREQUENT GDR VIOLATIONS OF EAST BERLIN'S DEMILITARIZED STATUS, AND " MOST SERIOUSLY" POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS OF NON-APPEARANCE OF VERORNUNGSBLATT FUER GROSS BERLIN. MISSIONS FELT IT WOULD BE BEST NOT TO INCLUDE EAST BERLIN MAYOR'S NEW POSITION ON COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

IN VIEW OF GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ' STATUS IN BUNDESRAT
OR ISSUANCE OF NEW AUSWEIS TO EAST BERLIN VOLKS-
KAMMER REPS IN VIEW OF FACT THAT WEST BERLIN REPS
HAVE LONG HAD AUSWEIS IDENTICAL TO THAT OF OTHER
MEMBERS OF BUNDESTAG.

5. IN VIEW OF CHANGED NATURE OF ALLIED PROTEST IN
MOSCOW, OF WHICH WE BECAME AWARE ONLY AFTER MEETING
AT WHICH TRIPARTITE MISSION RECOMMENDATIONS WERE
WORKED OUT, USBER ASSUMES BONN GROUP MAY WISH TO RECAST
ORAL PRESENTATION ON GDR MISDEEDS SOMEWHAT.

6. WE ARE SENDING SEPTEL TEXT OF BRITISH INTRA-
BERLIN MESSAGE CONTAINING PROPOSED CHAIRMAN POLAD
STATEMENT AND DRAFT BK/O. DRAFT BK/L IS STILL UNDER
REVIEW AMONG MISSIONS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY
CONSIDERATION IN BONN GROUP OF PROPOSED STATEMENT AND
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